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In response to the Office Communication mailed December 18, 2002, and further to the
response mailed September 17, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following response.

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation Examiner's careful review of the response
mailed September 17, 2002.

The response mailed September 17, 2002 (page 1, 2nd para) incorrectly stated, "All claims
remain the same." and "No claims have been amended." Applicants request correction of this
error and request that the record reflect that, pursuant to the response mailed September 17, 2002,
claims 8, 17 and 40 were amended. Moreover, the specification (at pages 3 and 7) was amended
per the same amendment. Applicants further request that amendments indicated on the
replacement pages 3, 7, 44, 45 and 47, filed with the response of September 17, 2002, be entered
into the record.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response into the record and full
consideration thereof.

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In view of all the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable over the art of record and in form for allowance. An early notice of allowance thereof is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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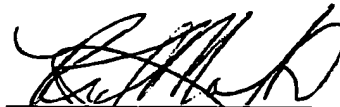
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